

Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 30, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 42, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 71, 81, 88, 92, and 93 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 5 and 35 have been amended and such amendments are supported by at least page 27, lines 3 - 10 of the specification. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments. (These Remarks are followed by an Appendix showing how the specification and claims have been amended.)

Claims 95-100 have been added. Claims 95, 97, and 99 are supported by at least page 2, lines 28 - 30 and page 15, line 21 - page 16, line 7 of the specification and add no new matter. Claims 96, 98, and 100 are supported by at least page 12, lines 21 - 26 and page 15, lines 28 - 33 of the specification and add no new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that this

application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX
(Showing How the Specification
and Claims Have Been Amended)

In the Specification

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17:

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a program guide system that allows a user to adjust [to] the user settings of a plurality of program guides at different locations within a household from a single location.

The paragraph beginning on on page 13, line 12:

Each user has a receiver, which is typically a set-top box such as set-top box 48, but which may be other suitable television equipment into which circuitry similar to set-top-box circuitry has been integrated. If desired, user television equipment 44 may be an advanced television receiver or a personal computer television (PC/TV). For purposes of illustration, the present invention will generally be described in connection with user television equipment based on a set-top box arrangement. Program guide data may be distributed to set-top boxes 48 periodically and stored or may be distributed continuously and handled "on the fly[.]", or by request. Television distribution facility 38

may poll set-top boxes 48 periodically for certain information (e.g., pay program account information or information regarding programs that have been purchased and viewed using locally-generated authorization techniques). Main facility 32 preferably contains a processor to handle information distribution tasks. Each set-top box 48 preferably contains a processor to handle tasks associated with implementing a program guide application on the set-top box 48. Television distribution facility 38 may contain a processor for tasks associated with implementing server 42 and for handling tasks associated with the distribution of program guide and other information.

The paragraph beginning on page 14, line 4:

Each set-top box 48 [is] may be connected to an optional videocassette recorder 50 or other suitable recording device (e.g., digital storage device) so that selected television programs may be recorded. Each videocassette recorder 50 may be connected to a television 52. To record a program, set-top box 48 tunes to a particular channel and sends control signals to videocassette recorder 50 (e.g., using an infrared transmitter) that direct videocassette recorder 50 to start and stop recording at the appropriate times.

1. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive [televison] television program guides are implemented;

means associated with at least one of said interactive television program guides for adjusting interactive television program guide settings; and

means for coordinating the operation of said interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted using said means for adjusting are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide implemented on the television equipment device with which the means for adjusting is associated.

5. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 2 wherein said means for selecting uses [other] factors other than by default to determine the location.

8. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting favorites settings.

10. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting [set] recording settings.

11. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting pay-per-view settings.

13. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting permits adjusting set-up settings.

30. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim [1]25 further comprising means for disallowing monitoring of a selected location.

31. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive [televison] television program guides are implemented;

at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to adjust interactive television program guide settings; and

at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to coordinate the operation of said interactive television program guides so that program guide settings adjusted by at least one of one of said guides configured to adjust program settings are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide implemented on the television equipment device configured to adjust program guide settings.

32. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein at least one of one of said guides is configured to allow the selection of the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

35. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 32 wherein settings are effective on an interactive television program guide[s] selected based on [other] factors other than by default.

38. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include favorites settings.

39. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include [set] recording settings.

40. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include pay-per-view settings.

42. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 31 wherein the settings adjusted include set-up settings.

59. (Amended) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim [31]54 further comprising:

[further comprising] at least one of said interactive television program guides configured to disallow the ability to monitor the television viewing of users at specified interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide configured to allow the user to monitor the television viewing of users.

60. (Amended) A method for using an interactive television program guide system in which a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a household and on at least two of which devices interactive [television] television program guides are implemented[;], the method comprising:

adjusting interactive television program guide settings with at least one of the interactive television program guides; and

coordinating the operation of said interactive television program guides so that program guide settings adjusted by at least one of [one of] said interactive television program guides are effective on at least one of the interactive television program guides other than the interactive television program guide implemented on the

television equipment device used to adjust program guide settings.

62. (Amended) The method [defined in] of claim 61 wherein a user selects the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

63. (Amended) The [interactive television program guide system defined in] method of claim 61 wherein a system default selects the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

64. (Amended) The [interactive television program guide system defined in] method of claim 61 wherein [other] factors other than by default are used to select the interactive television program guides on which the adjusted program guide settings will be effective.

67. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include favorites settings.

68. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include [set] recording settings.

69. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include pay-per-view settings.

71. (Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the settings adjusted include set-up settings.

81. (Amended) The method of claim [49] 60 further comprising viewing an assign location screen.

88. (Amended) The method of claim [60] 83 further comprising disallowing monitoring of a selected location.

92. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system based on multiple user television equipment devices in a single household, comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment
devices interconnected by communications paths and located in
a single household and on which a plurality of interactive
[televison] television program guides are implemented;

means for providing an opportunity for a user at a given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides to adjust program guide settings with the given one of [said] the plurality of interactive television program guides; and

means for coordinating the operation of the plurality of interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted with the given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides are used by at least another one of the plurality of interactive television program guides during operation of the plurality of interactive program guides.

93. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system based on multiple user television equipment devices in a single household, comprising:

a plurality of user television equipment devices interconnected by communications paths and located in a single household and on which a plurality of interactive [televison] television program guides are implemented, wherein the plurality of user television equipment devices are configured to:

provide an opportunity for a user to adjust program guide settings with a given one of the plurality of interactive [television] television program guides; and

coordinate the operation of the plurality of interactive television program guides so that the program guide settings that are adjusted with the given one of the plurality of interactive television program guides are used by at least another one of the plurality of interactive television program guides during operation of the plurality of interactive program guides.